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EXCISE

April 18, 1964

Dear Senator Eagleton:

This is in response to your letter of March 27 concerning correspondence from [redacted] concerning the case of accused ex-nazi Walter Knauff. B4

The Federal Republic of Germany sought Knauff's extradition from Chile in a case ultimately appealed to the Chilean Supreme Court in 1963. The court, citing the statute of limitations, found that Knauff could not be extradited to West Germany. Knauff was, therefore, not extradited from Chile and has not lived there ever since.

The United States' position on the need to bring war criminals to justice is well-known, including to the Government of Chile. Although we have no legal jurisdiction in such cases, we desire to see justice done. The United States has and will continue to explore whatever avenues are open to assist efforts to bring Knauff to trial.

I hope that this information is responsive to the concerns of [redacted]

Sincerely,

W. Tapley Bennett, Jr.

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